

## CARRANZA IS EAGER TO AVOID WAR

Although it now looks like Mexico and the United States would have a peaceable settlement the troops continue to move toward the border in all directions. Last night several big train loads passed through Tucumcari on their way to El Paso and it is reported there are many more on their way that are now due here. The U. S. means to protect her border and if necessary go over the line after Mexicans who fire across the line. War does not look half so bad when you read of it but rather than lose thousands of Americans lives most of this nation will rejoice if this matter is entirely settled without war. The following telegram will give some idea of the situation at present:

Washington, July 5.—The reply of the de facto government of Mexico to the demands of the United States, conciliatory in terms and giving assurances of a desire to reach a friendly adjustment of the difficulties between the two countries, was delivered at the state department today by a Mexican embassy attaché.

Brief and free from superfluous language of diplomacy, the communication points to the release of the American troops captured at Carrizal as proof of the Mexican government's sincere desire to avoid a conflict.

**Many Troops Pass Tucumcari**  
The national guardsmen who arrived in this city during the past week were a husky looking bunch of boys and will make good soldiers. All of them seem to have seen very little of the sun back east and are bleached. As soon as they get the benefit of "old sol" down here, there will be a big change in their appearance. All of them seem anxious for a fight and they would more than make good if they had a chance.

The artillery and regulars make a better appearance and look ready for action within a few days after they reach the border. All they need is a little rest after the long ride from the eastern coast to El Paso, which took them six and seven days. From the appearance of some of the trains it looks like the eastern railroads just picked up every old scrap they had in the yards and put the boys therein and expected them to make the best of the situation.

The heat here kept the boys under cover most of the time, but Sunday a bunch of the Massachusetts, together with their fine band marched several blocks in the residential part of town. The band played a number of selections which were enjoyed immensely by those who were lucky enough to hear them.

There were three trains here at one time Friday and most of the boys were allowed complete liberty. These fellows were from Mass., New Jersey, and New York and were members of the national guard. One of the officers said all the men were old members as they did not bring the new recruits. He said they had no trouble securing new men to fill up all vacancies as the eastern boys were anxious to make the trip to see the country and fight in its behalf.

The guns carried by the artillery are modern and look to be in an excellent condition and in readiness for immediate action.

Only a small portion of the hundred and fifty trains have passed this city. The R. R. Co. has practically suspended all other business it possibly could and is devoting its entire attention to the moving of troop trains southwest. The railroad men hardly have time to sleep before they are called to make a trip. The pay roll next month will be the largest ever received in Tucumcari. The shop men as well as the train men are kept on the go and Tucumcari would certainly be a lively place if business would continue like it has during the past two weeks.

### THREE WAR ZONES

With more than 150,000 troops assembling along the Mexican border, the war department has taken steps to decentralize direct administration of the 1800 mile frontier in the interest of efficiency and probably to pave the way for the appointment of a supreme commander to co-ordinate all military activities on the international line.

The border formerly in the southern department from the Gulf of Mexico to California now is to be divided into three military departments, commanded by Maj. Gen. Frederick Funston, Brig. Gen. John J. Pershing and Maj. Gen. J. Franklin Bell.

War department officials said the new order, which automatically relieves Gen. Funston of supreme command on the border and the enormous responsibilities that have crowded upon him, had no significance as indicating preparation for war.

There was no announcement in regard to the probable selection of a senior major general for commander in chief of the border guard and field forces. There are indications that

Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, now commanding the department of the east, is being considered.

The statement issued by the department says:

"The present Southern department is divided as follows, with assignments of command thereto as indicated:

"A.—The Southern department to be under command of Maj. Gen. Frederick Funston, to embrace that part of the present department to a line east of El Paso.

"B.—The department of New Mexico with headquarters at El Paso, Texas, to be established under the command of Brig. Gen. John J. Pershing to extend from western boundary of southern department to the 109th meridian.

"C.—That portion of the Southern department west of the 109th meridian to be assigned to the western department, under command of Maj. Gen. J. F. Bell, with field headquarters for same at Douglas, Ariz."

Gen. Bell is now in command of the Western department with headquarters at San Francisco. He also is a former chief of staff of the army.

Pending the appointment of an officer to supreme command, the functions of the three departments will be co-ordinated through the war department.

At least 30,000 national guardsmen will be on duty at the Mexican border within the next two or three days. The infantry and cavalry are being furnished with automatic machine guns, 250 of the new type of which were ordered recently for immediate delivery.

As an experiment the guns will be carried in automobiles instead of on pack mules and five chauffeurs will be required with each regiment to operate the cars.

**AVOID CREASES WHEN YOU ARE FITTING INNER TUBES**

The inimitable Mr. Dooley says that the thick end of a base ball bat will convince a man more quickly than any argument.

I must confess, however, says Mr. Tarpley of the Ford Garage that in the present case at least, the Dooley method does not appeal to me.

For even as the pen is sometimes mightier than the sword, so the thing itself is more convincing than a mere description, and I believe I can persuade the motorist, by showing him a badly creased tube, that it is impossible to lavish too much care and attention on his tires, and on all the little details connected with them.

Time and again I have insisted that a tube must be placed evenly inside a casing, and that every crease must be got rid of at all costs.

I have shown my customers that a carelessly fitted tube will be subjected to abnormal tension in several other places; I have warned them that after partly inflating the tube, before finally fitting, that it should be carefully placed in the casing without any twisting, and care should be taken when mounting that the tube is not pinched between the edges of the bead or between the beads and the rim.

Remember that tubes will last very much longer if they are properly fitted and at the same time the motorist will be saved a good deal of trouble.

The Michelin tube is the easiest to fit, Mr. Tarpley states, for the reason that it is formed on a circular mandrel to the exact shape of the inside of the casing, and is not simply a straight piece of tubing forced into a circular form and cemented.

Michelin tubes, being shaped to fit the casings as stated, are not easily pinched when mounting, as they are longer on the outside circumference than inside next the rim, and for that reason do not form into folds when mounting.

The straight tubes on the other hand, do form into folds next the rim when fitting, so extra care must be used when fitting ordinary tubes to prevent the folds pinching between the beads themselves or between the beads and the rim.

**BOY SETS FIRE TO HOUSE**

A little boy and a match came near causing a disastrous fire at the home of Mrs. Parker in the northeast part of town Wednesday.

The mother was working over a cotton mattress when the little son evidently playing with a match, lighted same and set fire to the cotton. It in turn set fire to the inside of the room and for a time it looked like the house was doomed. The fire boys responded to the call and made a hurried run but the neighbors put the fire out with small hose attached to neighboring hydrants.

The furniture and kitchenware was badly damaged by fire and water but the house was saved. Mrs. Parker is just completing a valuable addition to the house and the carpenters at work there gave valuable assistance in putting out the fire.

**LITTLE BOY'S EYE BADLY CUT WITH BROKEN JAR**

The little son of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Doughty had his eye nearly, if not completely knocked out last Saturday while playing with a broken jar. He threw a piece into the air and it came down striking him in the right eye ball, cutting it very badly. He was given the best medical attention in the city, but it was thought best to take him to a specialist in El Paso, so Dr. and Mrs. Doughty took him down Saturday night and the specialist thinks he can save a portion of the vision and performed an operation Monday and it is hoped here that his prediction will prove true.

### NEW SCHOOL BUILDING TO BE BUILT AT GRADY, N. M.

The citizens of Grady school district, forty miles southeast of this city, have decided to build a new school house, and bonds in the sum of \$5000 have been voted for this purpose. The plans for the new building have already been prepared by G. L. Murray, of Bard, and as soon as the bonds are sold, which will be in the course of the next two weeks, work on the building will be commenced. It is the intention to have the building ready for occupancy by the time for opening of school in September.

Other new school buildings will be erected in Quay county during the next two months and this part of the state will keep in the front rank in the matter of properly housing the school children.

### ROAD BOOSTERS HERE

Several auto loads, containing a large delegation of road boosters from Glenrio and Endee neighborhoods were in the city Monday to appear before the Board of County Commissioners in the interests of a proposed road extending from Porter, New Mexico, due east to the Texas line.

Among those of the party whose names were obtained were C. G. Hall, W. R. Byars, E. D. Holtzclaw, M. M. Kennard, S. D. Roberts, Aca Horne, and Lee Jackson.

The road boosters interviewed members of the Board of County Commissioners and presented their reasons for opening the road, and received assurances from members of the Board that they would get the new road.

The proposed road is about thirteen miles in length and will open up a road for travel which will serve several hundred people to the north and east of Endee and Glenrio. We are informed that every landholder on both sides of the proposed road, who is now in the country, except one, has made a grant of right-of-way, waiving damages, in order to secure the road.

A very strong sentiment appears to exist in favor of the road on account of giving a road to the Texas line, which will permit the farmer and stockman to ship from and to the Texas line, in order to get the benefit of the Texas line freight rate.

The News editor had an interview with Mr. Lee Jackson, who stated that they had been wanting this road for some months but had been unable to get action on it. He said that he had talked with some of the Republicans out there, and that they told them not to talk to Republicans, to go talk to the Democratic county commissioners. Mr. Jackson said the delegation with him, was all Democratic, and that they had several hundred more out there just like them; that they had never gotten anything out in their part of the county, and now they were looking for something good and strong.

We hope our Democratic friends will get the new road.

### UNIVERSITY A LIVELY PLACE

Albuquerque, N. M., July 5.—The Sigma Chi fraternity at the New Mexico state university has accepted the plans for what will be the most unique and one of the most attractive fraternity chapter houses in the United States. It will be, in completed form, a quadrangle of Pueblo Indian architecture, framing a paved plaza, with galleries on the outside and sleeping porches on the inside of the second floor, and with an arrangement of the first floor which will give the fraternity an ideal home for living, work, entertainment and the varied activities of college life. The Sigma Chi chapter here was installed a year ago. It has existed for years as the Sigma Tau local fraternity and has a large alumni membership. Three years ago the fraternity purchased a residence in Pueblo architecture, built by the late W. G. Tight while he was president of the University. It will add another unit to this building at once at an expense of about \$5,000. This will include additional living rooms for members, a large chapter hall and dancing floor, a gymnasium, shower baths, living room, large dining room, sleeping porches and a steam heating plant. Other sections of the building comprise a building plan covering several years and to be carried out as the fraternity has funds available. The new building to be built this year will relieve some of the pressure on the already over-crowded University dormitories. The early summer prediction of 400 students of college grade in the University this year now is practically certain to be realized.

### CELEBRATE NEAR LESBIA

Quite a number from here celebrated at Lone Cottonwood, about eight miles southeast of town, near Lesbia. There were about two hundred present and the day was spent in dancing, social conversation and feasting. The rain during the afternoon could not break up the gathering, although several of the autos had about all they could do to leave the grounds.

At seven in the evening the main part of the crowd went to Bob Hick's place where it is reported they spent most of the night in dancing. Those from Tucumcari report a fine time.

During the afternoon Mr. Boyd was taken seriously ill and Mr. Gardner brought him to town. He suffered considerably but was relieved to a certain extent.

### FREE BOOTH FOR SOLDIERS

The free booth originated by M. B. Goldenberg, was placed at the depot for the distribution of lemonade, cigars and many other things enjoyed by soldiers, was liberally supported by several other merchants who donated valuable things to be given away. This kind act will make the soldiers remember and talk about Tucumcari after they have returned to their eastern homes. They told the reporters for the El Paso papers that they were nicely treated in Tucumcari.

### OUR DUTY AND MEXICO

No matter what the outcome of the present difficulty may be this country can show fairly clean hands in its political relationship with Mexico for the last sixty years. One administration after another has reflected the desire on the part of the people of the United States to deal thoughtfully and patiently with every problem that might arise between the two nations. This country has never tried to impair Mexican nationality. We have tried to encourage and protect it. We can look back with good deal of satisfaction to the aid we gave in the expulsion of European forces from Mexico after our Civil War. We can point to a long period of years during which every dispute was discussed and settled calmly and amicably. The whole thought of one administration after another has been to give Mexico a chance, and that has been the thought of the people of this country. No sensible Mexican can doubt that but for the protection of the United States-Mexico would long ago have ceased to exist as a separate political body. It would have disappeared in 1866. There has been every incentive to greed and ambition to take and hold the country. Time and time again deliberate attempts to get us into war have been thwarted by the good-natured and hopeful belief among our people that some day and somehow Mexico would work out her own destiny in her own way, and that the more powerful we became the better able we were to let her go on without even criticizing her faults.

Undoubtedly this truth is as clear to the intelligent Mexican people as it is to us. The question is whether we are dealing at the present moment with the intelligent Mexican people or dealing with the Mexican people at all. Are Carranza, Obregon, Villa, Zapata in any sense any more representative of the Mexican people than Jesse James was of the Missouri farmers who hated and harbored him for years and welcomed the day when it was no longer necessary to fear him? There are undoubtedly many thousands of Mexicans who would welcome honorable relief from the intimidation they have had to endure for the last few years. They don't want to give up their nationality. They will still cry "Viva Mexico." But it is impossible that they would like to go back to tilling their land, herding their cattle, keeping their shops without the fear that at any hour a robber band culling itself a vavally squadron might fall upon them, steal their cash, run off with their cattle or carry away their grain. The whole north of Old Mexico has been so overrun by these ruffian gangs that industry has stopped completely. The distress of the poor people is beyond words. One group or another of these desperadoes has swept across the country until a wolf could hardly live on it. Officers with General Pershing's column report things too terrible to repeat about the efforts of women and children to obtain food.

If we had a humane reason for going into Cuba, we have at least as good a reason for going into Mexico. If we had one selfish reason for going into Cuba, we have a hundred for going into Mexico. It is humiliating that a country which is under our protection, which exists as a political unit because of our protection, and for which we are responsible in the eyes of other governments should be the only country in the world where the life and property of an American citizen are not respected by the so-called authorities. It is unbearable that the pretended government of Carranza should not only permit but connive at the invasion of American territory and the taking of American lives. And also, it is highly dangerous to the future safety of the United States when these matters are interwoven with the ambitions and antagonisms of a foreign power.—Colliers Weekly.

### CHARGES AGAINST LOCAL ATTORNEY, C. C. DAVIDSON

The state board of bar examiners moved for the disbarment of Attorney Francis E. Wood and Owen N. Marron, of Albuquerque, from practice in all the courts of the state by filing with Attorney General Clancy eleven charges against the two attorneys. Eight of these charges were prepared by a committee of Albuquerque attorneys appointed recently by Judge Reynolds, of the Second judicial district. Three additional charges were prepared by the state board.

The bar examiners also filed charges against C. C. Davidson, a Tucumcari attorney, with Attorney General Clancy, as a preliminary to the filing of a formal accusation against that attorney with the supreme court. The charges are based on the alleged failure of Attorney Davidson to account for money collected for Jno. G. Erickson and other clients.—Santa Fe New Mexican, July 1st.

### PRESIDENT FAVORS PEACE

President Wilson speaking before a New York Press club last week, made it plain that he opposed war with Old Mexico until there is no other alternative of settling the border troubles. He said he was willing to sacrifice his own political fortunes to carry out his convictions as to the best policy to pursue. He declared thousands are appealing for the United States to stay out of Mexico as long as possible.

### ENGINEER SHOT BY MEXICAN SOLDIER TAKES HIS PLACE

Nogales, Ariz., July 4.—Two peculiar incidents, indicating Mexican sniping at troop trains crossing New Mexico, were reported by Connecticut militia troops arriving here today.

A steel jacketed bullet, found imbedded in a car occupied by the second regiment company, led to the belief that it had been fired by a sniper. The other unexplained incident related to the engineer of the same train who fell unconscious in his cab as the train was approaching Lordsburg. A wound on the back of his neck, possibly by a bullet, was the cause. One of the enlisted men of Co. E, himself a locomotive engineer, immediately took charge of the train and took it into Lordsburg.

**BARANCOS ITEMS**  
Miss Ethel Simmerly of Sullivan, Mo., is here visiting her brother for the summer.

Mrs. Simmerly's little child has the whooping cough pretty badly.

Wm. Herd visited his brother at Texline, Tex., last week.

Messrs. L. O., W. F. and Walter Gore spent a few days last week in Tucumcari.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Woodard visited their daughter, Mrs. M. M. Shipley, in Tucumcari a few days last week.

H. L. Miller was a caller in Tucumcari the first of this week and says he is satisfied with the nominees of the Democratic primary.

### STRONG BASE BALL TEAM TO PLAY HERE SUNDAY, JULY 8

Tucumcari will play the fast Safety Firsts at the ball park Sunday afternoon at 3:30. This team is claimed to be the fastest El Paso has this year and is not the regular Southwestern team, although several players have played with the E. P. & S. W. They have been playing the best in El Paso and New Mexico and come here Sunday with a good record.

Tucumcari has been practicing hard and a number of new players have been added to the line-up this season, the battery being two star players, Wallis brothers, the twirler having some record before coming here, as he formerly pitched for Hot Springs, Ark. The home boys are expecting to slip something over on their opponents Sunday and a good game is expected by the fans.

### MEAT MARKET MOVES

The Tucumcari Meat Co. has moved its market to the Gallegos building, across the street from the News office. The owners of this market have been liberally patronized since opening up in their market and they deal in meat exclusively. They give all their attention to serving the public in that one line and those who patronize this market are pleased with the service accorded them. The market is fitted with all kinds of modern machinery for making everything sold in a first-class market. They invite the public to call at their new location.

### MAY OUST RECEIVER ELY

Santa Fe, N. M., July 3.—What is reported here as the first step toward ousting Ralph C. Ely from the receivership of the New Mexico Central railway, was taken when Francis C. Wilson and E. W. Dobson, attorneys for the Pittsburg, Pa., Trust Co., filed exceptions to reports 1, 2, and 3 of receiver Ely.

Vouchers totaling about \$2500 are enumerated specifically. It is contended that they were issued to cover expenses of the receiver in making various trips east and west to arrange for the sale of the road and that this is not a proper expense to be charged to the bondholders of the road.

### CITIZENS AND MERCHANTS GIVE LIBERALLY TO TROOPS

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### THEY'RE NOT LEAVING QUAY

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"The drought is driving out the Democratic voters," they are declaring, gleefully. "If it just continues there won't be many of those several thousand new Democratic votes left by this fall."

Throughout eastern New Mexico many thousands of acres of valley and mesa have been taken up and transformed into productive farming districts by settlers who entered this state several years ago. Cities and towns have been built, and millions added to the wealth of New Mexico.

This development now is being extended by the homesteaders and others who have come in within the last few years to establish homes and join the earlier builders of the empire that New Mexico is destined to be. These settlers are the hope of the commonwealth; the state must have them to become productive and prosperous.

But simply and solely because a majority of them are from Democratic sections and believe in Democratic principles of government, the New Mexico Republican bosses, who live in the central and western part of New Mexico, would have them driven from the state, and the wealth that they will wrest from the land, lost to New Mexico. In other words, any calamity that might result in ridding the state of Democratic voters, would be welcomed, regardless of future consequences.

It takes all classes of citizenship to make a world, and New Mexico is represented by more different classes of people than any state in the union, unless it be California. Few of the settlers, if any, of those who have really settled are leaving Quay county. These men and women entered the state determined to establish their permanent homes and aid in building up prosperous communities. They are not frightened by the present dry spell; they can see the success attained by the earlier settlers, and they are aware of the splendid crop record of last year, and they will remain here long enough to cast their votes for the best men in the November election, whether they be democrats or republicans.

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A number of families spent the 4th at the Blue Water Holes in the shade of the big cottonwoods. During the forenoon there were not so many out there on account of it being so hot, but in the afternoon a number braved the dust and sun to the coolest place in Quay county, where the boys enjoyed a fine swim.

## GERMANS LOSE 60,000 AS FOES ADVANCE

London, England, July 5.—A Reuter dispatch from the western front today says the Germans made a counter attack on the new British positions at Thiepval, after a heavy bombardment, but were easily repulsed. Prisoners are quoted as having stated that German units are being rushed to the Somme front from as far as Verdun to the east and Lens to the north.

According to this dispatch a German officer who surrendered 150 men in a body said he thought they would be of more use alive in Germany after the war than dead. German casualties are estimated at 60,000 and prisoners at 15,000.

German artillery has been active in certain sectors. In the neighborhood of Thiepval two determined attacks on our new trenches were beaten off with loss to the enemy.

The number of prisoners taken during the last few days by the French exceeds 9,000. The number of cannon captured cannot be ascertained.

On the Verdun front heavy fighting is still in progress. West of the Meuse the French repulsed a strong German attack in the region of Avocourt and hill 304. East of the river there was a violent bombardment of Thiaumont redoubt and the Chenois sector.

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